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SUBJECT: DISSEMINATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS INFORMATION

SUMMARY: THIS CABLE PROPOSES DEPARTMENT DISSEMINATE TO FIELD DIGEST OF SIGNIFICANT HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC US POLICIES AND ACTIONS TO IMPROVE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. DIGEST WOULD PROVIDE POSTS WORLDWIDE PERSPECTIVE OF WHAT USG DOING, AS WELL AS KEEP THEM CURRENT ON RESPONSE OF COUNTRIES. THIS INFORMATION COULD ENHANCE POSTS' OWN HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORTS. END SUMMARY.

1. HERRERA CASE HAS HIGHLIGHTED NEED FOR US TO BE BETTER INFORMED ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES (PARTICULARLY WITHIN ASEAN), ESPECIALLY CONCRETE STEPS USG TAKING OR PREPARED TO TAKE TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL MRS. MARCOS RECENTLY CLAIMED PRESIDENT SUHARTO WAS IN TOUCH WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS ABOUT ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE'S INQUIRY ON POLITICAL PRISONERS DURING HIS APRIL VISIT. AS HUMAN RIGHTS BECOMES ESTABLISHED COMPONENT OF US FOREIGN POLICY, WE ANTICIPATE THERE WILL BE INCREASING CONTACT AMONG LEADERS OF ASEAN, AS WELL AS OTHER WORLD LEADERS ABOUT OUR POLICY AND EXTENT TO WHICH WE ARE PREPARED PRESS IT IN CONTEXT OF OUR TRADITIONAL
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BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL RELATIONS. THEREFORE, IT COULD BE IMPORTANT FOR POSTS TO BE KEPT INFORMED ON HUMAN RIGHTS STATE OF PLAY AT OTHER POSTS SO THEY CAN REPLY AUTHORITATIVELY, FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN ACCUSED OF APPLYING TOO STRINGENT HUMAN RIGHTS CRITERIA OR USING DOUBLE STANDARD FOR IMPORTANT AND LESS IMPORTANT COUNTRIES. IN THE PHILIPPINE WE MAY HAVE TO COPE WITH CHARGE WE

ARE "PICKING ON" A FORMER COLONY AND USING PHILIPPINES
AS EXAMPLE IN WAY WE COULD NOT GET AWAY WITH IN
INDONESIA OR KOREA.

2. SIGNIFICANT HUMAN RIGHTS TRAFFIC MAY WELL REQUIRE
SPECIAL CAPTION AND NOT LEND ITSELF TO LATERAL DISTRIBUTION.
WE ALSO BELIEVE MASSIVE LATERAL TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES
SHOULD BE AVOIDED. WE DO NOT THINK IT ADVISABLE TO OVER-
LOAD CIRCUITS AND OTHER POSTS WITH ALL REPORTING ON HUMAN
RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS, NOR DO WE WANT OUR CIRCUITS TIED
UP WITH SUCH TRAFFIC.

3. FROM MANILA VANTAGE POINT, MOST APPROPRIATE WAY FOR
POSTS TO BE KEPT INFORMED ON DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER
COUNTRIES WHICH MIGHT BE RELEVANT TO THEIR OWN HUMAN RIGHTS
CONCERNS MIGHT BE FOR DEPARTMENT TO DIGEST SIGNIFICANT
DEVELOPMENTS HIGHLIGHTING SPECIFIC US POLICIES AND
ACTIONS TAKEN IN OTHER COUNTRIES IN EFFORT TO IMPROVE
HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. PRESUMABLY THIS COULD
BE DONE BY D/HA ON REGULAR BASIS. SHOULD SUCH AN
EFFORT SEEM TOO AMBITIOUS, AT LEAST FOR NOW, THOUGHT
MIGHT BE GIVEN TO REGIONAL OFFICES IN GEOGRAPHIC AREAS
REPORTING HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS ON REGIONAL BASIS,
ALTHOUGH WE THINK IT PREFERABLE FOR POSTS TO HAVE WORLD-
WIDE PERSPECTIVE. IN ANY EVENT, WE STRONGLY BELIEVE OUR
HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORT WORLDWIDE WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY
ENHANCED BY OVERSEAS POSTS BEING KEPT CURRENT ON A) WHAT
USG DOING IN HUMAN RIGHTS AREA WORLDWIDE, B) WHAT WE
MIGHT BE PREPARED TO DO IN FUTURE, AND C) SIGNIFICANT
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